उन्हें निर्धारित मानकों के अनुरूप पाया गया।

HTV antibiodies in blood supplied by private/Commercial Blood Banks in Delhi

2506. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND .FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of private/ commercial blood banks in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that blood supplied by some of these bank's has been reported to be positive for HIV antibodies; If so, the number of such cases reported during the last three years; and

(c) what steps have been t-'.cen or are proposed to be taken by Government to tackle the problem of spreading AIDS through donated blood, supplied by these private and commercial blood banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM); (a) There are 23 blood bank's in Delhi out of which 6 are commercial.

(b) Ever since the screening of blood samples for HTV antibodies i_n Delhi was. started, about 36,486 blood samples from 23 blood banks have been screened upto July, 1989, and 54 have been found positive for HIV antibodies.

(c) Screening/testing of every sample ot blood is being done in the cities ot Bombay, Madras and Delhi. In Calcutta, testing would start shortly.

AIDS Referral and testing; centres in the country

2507. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SlNGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up AIDS referral and testing centres ih the country; if so, the details thereof indicating the total number, location and year *ot* establishment;

(b) whether Government propose to expand these facilities; if so, the details ,, thereof;

(c) what specific steps Government are taking to prevent the spread ot AIDS among prostitutes who fall in the high risk group;

(d) whether Government have formulated any policy for the treatment of AIDS patients, whether in isolation or with patients afflicted with ..other diseases, it so details thereof; and

(e) whether Government are undertaking any mass education and . warning programmes in an effort to prevent •spread cf AIDS; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) There are 40 surveillance centres and 4 referral centres functioning in different parts of the country. The list of surveillance centres with location is appended.

(b) Yes, testing facility. is being expanded in phased manner.

(c) Steps are being taken to screen the prostitutes fo_r HIV infection, provide them with counselling and health educa< tion.

(d) AIDS patents do not require any isolation, however, adequate precaution needs be undertaken to prevent acclden* tal infection.

(e) Yes. CHEB has taken steps to produce and distribute material for health education of general public, risk groups and HIV infected persons through various media of communication.